

APPARATUS FOR INDIRECT DIRECTORY SEARCHES  
AND METHOD THEREFOR

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A system and method for performing an indirect directory search is implemented. In the indirect search, entry attributes that reference other objects may selectively be searched. An attribute syntax for a distinguished name (DN) which is a reference is defined. If an attribute value belonging to an attribute corresponding to the reference syntax is in an entry found by the search, the value points to another entry in the directory. The attributes (members) of the entry pointed to are selectively retrieved, depending on parameters in the search request.

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